

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

Hearing Date: April 29, 2021 8:00 AM

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COMMENTS FOR: HB 4530

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Brenda McGahgain  
self, Registered Dietitian  
Austin, TX

Dear House Election, Committee Members,

I ask that you ensure HB 4530 pass out of Elections Committee. This bill would require that the amount of political contributions from each person with a principal address outside Texas be reported, including the full name and address of the contributor and the contribution dates. Transparency is a positive step in fair and equitable elections. Thank you.

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Richard Caldwell  
n/a  
Boerne, TX

I support this bill

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Georgia Keysor, Ms.  
Self - Retired  
Austin, TX

Please support this bill. TEXAS DESERVES BETTER THAN JIM CROW

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Carrie Moore  
Self  
Corpus Christi, TX

Vote yes, but this is weak. Only Texas money should be allowed in our elections. We need a better bill than this.

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Richard Smith  
Self  
Corpus christi, TX

I vote yes

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shawn flanagan  
self/retired

corpus christi, TX

vote yes, but please amend to get rid of all private money in the election process

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Larry Ringler

Self

Portland, TX

Vote YES! But this bill is very inadequate in stopping out-of-state election contributions. We shouldn't allow any money to come into Texas to influence our elections. This bill will document such funds but doesn't block them. Do better!

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Paul Laudadio

Self

Corpus Christi, TX

YES! This is a good bill to prevent outside money coming in to Texas for our Texas elections. We need vested parties supporting candidates and not outside influence. It is a shame that this bill only identifies outside contributions, but doesn't prevent it from happening!

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Julie Kellogg

self

Corpus Christi, TX

Vote yes, I'm only saying vote yes because it at least tracks the money trying to buy off Texas elections. So we can see who turned the state blue, is that the goal? This is a weak bill regarding out of state contributions to elections. THERE SHOULD BE ZERO \$ COMING FROM OUT OF STATE INTO TX ELECTIONS! You must do better than this. This bill only documents it, but doesn't stop it, we the people deserve better than this from you.

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Mary Slaughter

Self

Corpus Christi, TX

Please vote Yes! No money should be accepted from out of state to influence Texas elections! Unfortunately, this bill won't stop it but at least it calls for documentation. We, as voters in Texas, deserve more than what this bill calls for.

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DONNA EYLES

Self

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

Vote yes. If we can't stop outside money, then of course document it. However, outside money coming into Texas should be stopped!

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Victoria Hanson

self - retired

Corpus Christi, TX

YES – This would assist in identifying out-of-state monies.

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Kimberly Bridges Young

Self, Retired

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

Vote YES! However, this is actually a very weak bill regarding out of state contributions to elections. I hope this is not all you've got. There should be no money (not \$50, not \$1000, nothing!) coming in from out of Texas for our Texas elections. This bill only documents it, but doesn't stop it. Better than nothing, but as voters, we deserve more!

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Diana Richards

Self, Native Texan Homemaker

Sherman, TX

I am writing in Support of HB4530 by Oliverson in order to shed light on who attempts to influence Texas elections from outside of our State. I respectfully ask that you vote this bill favorably out of committee today, so that it has time to get through the full legislative process. Thank you so much.

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Bonnie Seelig

Self Retired

Spicewood, TX

Support - Until the recent cartel of today's oligarchs in tech, media and giant corporate monopolies, we did not have the vast amounts of money surging into states by "out of state" donors. Since we try to hold in check "big government," now we find government officials using the weapons of the cartels of industry to influence and hold in check the masses. Not only are the liberties of our citizens being undermined by this insurgence of money, but the very elections that create the laws that have given them this wealth and power to become the tyrants of today.

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Sharon Burnett

Self

Ingleside, TX

Hello!

Money for elections should come from in-state! Not out-of-state!!! Too bad this bill wouldn't stop out of state contributions.

Thank you,

Kelley

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Frank Holman

Self

Austin, TX

Texas should amend this bill to eliminate political contributions from outside the state of Texas. In lieu of the amendment then this bill would be the next alternative.

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William Ely

NA

Cypress, TX

I support this bill. More transparency on political contributions, especially from outside the state should be made available to the voters within the state.

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Tracy Shannon

NA

Kingwood, TX

I support HB 4530 because sunlight is the best disinfectant. Texans have a right to know who is buying influence in our state and with whom they are buying influence so we can keep the legislature accountable to Texans, not outside interests. Please vote this bill favorably out of committee today so it can be voted on in the House.

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Deborah Kelting Fite, SREC SD7

Senate Republican Executive Committeewoman SD7

Houston, TX

Our Country is being targeted by left wing, globalist as well as “Woke Corporations” that are working to influence elections outside of their own jurisdiction. Harris County suffered this agenda first hand by Mark Zuckerberg, whose funds compromised our 2020 elections. In another instance, George Soros funded the District Attorney race by supporting Kim Ogg. We need to stop outside contributions that do not represent the citizens ideology in the Texas elections! Please vote favorably for HB 4530

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Marisol Byrd

self

Austin, TX

Support

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